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INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, UK, PK, US

SUBJECT: BHUTTO DEATH SENTENCE

REF: A) LONDON 4790 B) KINSOLVING/LUCIUS TELCON

1. DEPARTMENT HAS CONFIRMED PUBLICLY THAT WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT ON THE BHUTTO SENTENCE THROUGH OUR AMBASSADOR IN PAKISTAN AND WE EXPRESSED OUR CONCERNS THROUGH HIM. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, PLAN TO MAKE PUBLIC THE DETAILS OF THIS PRIVATE COMMUNICATION. WE PASSED THIS INFORMATION TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY HERE.

2. BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER, MARCH 27, TOLD DEPARTMENT OFFICER IN CONFIDENCE THAT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN ISLAMABAD IS HOLDING A PRIVATE MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN TO GENERAL ZIA URGING CLEMENCY, WHICH THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR MAY DELIVER IF BHUTTO EXECUTION  
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APPEARS IMMINENT. IN THE MEANTIME, THE BRITISH ARE SAYING NOTHING IN PUBLIC ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE CASE IS STILL BEFORE THE COURTS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SUPREME COURT WILL BEGIN HEARINGS ON BHUTTO'S APPEAL ON APRIL 1.

4. WE WILL INFO LONDON RELEVANT TELEGRAMS ON ANY DEPARTMENT ACTION AND APPEALS FOR CLEMENCY. COOPER

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